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Human Transporter Proteins (As amended)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 19, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Final Office Action ("the Action") mailed on March 19, 2003 (Paper No. 14), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 14 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

The two month deadline for filing a response to a Final Office Action as set forth in Manual of Patent Examination Procedure, Section 706.07(f)(A), is May 19, 2003. The response is thus timely filed, and Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

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